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EVENING TV NEWS PROGRAMS DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY
TO NATIONAL ISSUES.

TV - 1. ABC-TV HKSMITH (12 MIN. INTO PROGRAM): KISSINGER'S
LENGTHY DIPLOMATIC TOUR TOOK HIM TO PAKISTAN TODAY WHERE
HE MET WITH PM BHUTTO. A JOINT STATEMENT RELEASED AFTER-
WARDS SAID THE US WILL SUPPLY PAKISTAN WITH ABOUT 100,000
TONS OF WHEAT, BUT THERE WAS NO MENTION OF SOPHISTICATED
NEW WEAPONS THAT PAK HAS REQUESTED. THE PAK. VISIT
FOLLOWED A BRIEF STOP OVER BY MR. KISSINGER TO
BANGLADESH. ABC'S TED KOPPEL HAS MORE ON THE BANGLADESH
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TED KOPPEL: (VOICE OVER FILM SHOWING SECY'S ARRIVAL DACCA)

IT WAS NOT ONE OF THE MORE PRESSING STOPS ON SECRETARY

KISSINGER'S AGENDA, BUT HE HAD VISITED INDIA, WAS ON HIS WAY TO PAKISTAN, AND NOT TO STOP IN BANGLADESH WOULD HAVE BEEN AN UNNECESSARY SLIGHT. THEN TOO KISSINGER IS ON HIS WAY TO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME, AND THERE ARE FEW COUNTRIES THAT MORE GRAPHICALLY SYMBOLIZE THE SHORTAGE OF FOOD THAN BANGLADESH. IT IS A SIMPLE FACT OF LIFE THAT DIPLOMATS DEAL MOSTLY IN CONCEPTS AND ALTHOUGH THE TERRIBLE PLIGHT OF THE BENGALIEE PEOPLE HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT HERE HE REALLY NEVER GOT TO SEE THE REALITY OF BANGLADESH. (FILM SHOWING DEVASTATING CONDITIONS). FLOOD VICTIMS HAVE EVACUATED THE COUNTRYSIDE AND SWARMED INTO THE CITIES. THE POPULATION IN DACCA SINCE THE WAR OF 1971 IS ALMOST DOUBLED. THE COMBINATION OF LIMITED RESOURCES, CORRUPTION AND BUREAUCRATIC INCOMPETENCE HAS LEFT THE GOV'T STRUGGLING TO PREVENT STARVATION FROM OVERTAKING MALNUTRITION. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE THAT EMERGED FROM THESE MEETINGS SPOKE OF DETENTE, THE ME AND THE PROSPECTS FOR WORLD PEACE. IT SPOKE ALSO OF THE \$60 MILLION WORTH OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE THAT THE US HAS PROVIDED BANGLADESH OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS. IT WAS HARDLY NECESSARY TO SPELL IT OUT BUT THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO NOTED THAT BANGLADESH NEEDS MORE.

THEY ARE CALLED GRUEL KITCHENS BUT THEY ARE HOLDING STATIONS BETWEEN DESPAIR AND DESPERATION. THEIR OCCUPANTS ARE FED ONCE A DAY AND ARE RESTRICTED FROM MOVING BEYOND THEIR WALLS. IT IS A MEASURE OF THE CRISIS IN BANGLADESH THAT THESE PEOPLE CAME HERE VOLUNTARILY BECAUSE THE ALTERNATIVES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WERE EVEN WORSE. END.

2. NBC-TV: NO KISSINGER COVERAGE.

3. CBS-TV: CRONKITE, 20 MINUTES INTO PROGRAM.

PAKISTAN WILL GET 100,000 TONS OF SURPLUS AMERICAN WHEAT, BUT NOT ONE OUNCE OF AMERICAN ARMS, AT LEAST NOT RIGHT NOW. THAT'S WHAT EMERGED TODAY IN ISLAMABAD IN TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND PAKISTANI PM
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BHUTTO. (STILL PHOTO IN BACKGROUND OF HAK AND BHUTTO). A JOINT STATEMENT SAID KISSINGER WOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO PAKISTAN'S ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, MEANING MILITARY AID. BHUTTO SAID THIS, AT LEAST, MADE HIM VERY HAPPY.

RADIO -- DOUGLAS EDWARDS, CBS RADIO, 5 PM : SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS CONCLUDED HIS TALKS IN PAKISTAN WITH PM ALI

BHUTTO AND OUR CORRESPONDENT MARVIN KALB REPORTS THAT
BHUTTO DID NOT GET A NEW PROGRAM OF MILITARY AID AS HE
WANTED BUT HE DID DO WELL ON ECONOMIC SUPPORT. MR.

MR. KISSINGER PROMISED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOW
SEND 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT TO PAK. TO MEET HER IMMEDIATE
FOOD NEEDS. END.

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